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SUBJECT: TRANSIT OF NUCLEAR MERCHANT SHIPS
THROUGH SUEZ CANAL

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REFERENCE: VIENNA 4422

1. AS FORESEEN REFTEL AND PREVIOUS TELS, MISSION HAS
RECEIVED AGENCY LETTER DATED AUGUST 9, 1978 FORMALLY
REQUESTING U.S. TO PROVIDE AN EXPERT TO PARTICIPATE IN
AN EVALUATION OF SAFETY ISSUES INVOLVED IN TRANSIT OF
NUCLEAR MERCHANT SHIPS THROUGH SUEZ CANAL. AGENCY IS

PLANNING FOR SAFETY MISSION TO UNDERTAKE THIS
ASSIGNMENT IN CAIRO BEGINNING OCTOBER 30, 1978 AND
WILL LAST FOR APPROXIMATELY TWO WEEKS.

2. FULL TEXT OF AGENCY LETTER IS AS FOLLOWS:

"I HAVE THE HONOUR TO INFORM YOU THAT THE AGENCY HAS
RECEIVED A REQUEST FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC
OF EGYPT FOR ASSISTANCE IN AN EVALUATION OF THE
SAFETY ISSUES INVOLVED IN THE TRANSIT OF NUCLEAR
MERCHANT SHIPS THROUGH THE SUEZ CANAL.

THE AGENCY HAS UNDERTAKEN TO ARRANGE FOR THIS
EVALUATION TO BE CARRIED OUT BY A SAFETY MISSION AND
IS PLANNING FOR SUCH ADVISORY SERVICES TO START ON
30 OCTOBER 1978 AND TO LAST FOR APPROXIMATELY TWO
WEEKS IN CAIRO.

IN VIEW OF THE EXPERIENCE GAINED IN YOUR COUNTRY WITH
SUCH SHIPS, I SHOULD LIKE TO INQUIRE WHETHER IT WOULD
BE POSSIBLE FOR THE AGENCY TO OBTAIN THE NOMINATION
OF AN EXPERT TO SERVE ON THIS SAFETY MISSION IN A
PERSONAL CAPACITY.

THE MEMBERS OF THE SAFETY MISSION WILL BE PAID THE
APPROPRIATE U.N. PER DIEM RATE AND THE AGENCY WILL PAY
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DIRECT ROUTE FROM U.S.A. TO CAIRO.

IN THIS CONNECTION, IT WILL BE NOTED THAT IN
ACCORDANCE WITH THE AGENCY'S ESTABLISHED PRACTICE FOR
THE PROVISION OF SUCH ADVISORY SERVICES, THE MISSION
MAY, UPON COMPLETION OF ITS WORK, FORMULATE SUCH
RECOMMENDATIONS AS THE MISSION, TO THE BEST OF ITS
JUDGEMENT, CONSIDERS DESIRABLE FOR THE ATTENTION OF
THE EGYPTIAN AUTHORITIES WITH RESPECT TO THE MEASURES
THAT SHOULD BE TAKEN FOR ENSURING THE SAFE TRANSIT OF
NUCLEAR MERCHANT SHIPS THROUGH THE SUEZ CANAL.

THE DIRECTOR GENERAL WOULD LIKE TO PLACE ON RECORD
HIS UNDERSTANDING THAT THE MISSION'S CONCLUSIONS AND
RECOMMENDATIONS -

(A) WILL BE BASED ON THE DOCUMENTATION AND
INFORMATION MADE AVAILABLE TO IT BY THE EGYPTIAN
AUTHORITIES AND WILL BE MADE ON THE MISSION'S
COLLECTIVE EXPERTISE WITHOUT ENGAGING THE INDIVIDUAL
RESPONSIBILITY OF ANY OF ITS MEMBERS OR THE MISSION'S
LIABILITY WHATSOEVER;

(B) DO NOT ENGAGE THE IAEA IN ANY WAY NOR IMPLY ANY
GUARANTY OR LEGAL RESPONSIBILITY ON THE PART OF THE
IAEA.

ON THE BASIS OF SUCH UNDERSTANDING, I SHOULD BE
GRATEFUL IF THE COMPETENT AUTHORITIES IN YOUR
COUNTRY COULD GIVE EARLIEST ATTENTION TO THIS
REQUEST FOR EXPERT SERVICES.

ACCEPT, SIR, THE ASSURANCES OF MY HIGHEST

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CONSIDERATIONS."

3. MISSION ASSUMES U.S. WILL WISH TO PROVIDE A
SUITABLE EXPERT TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS SAFETY
MISSION. WE WOULD APPRECIATE GUIDANCE RE RESPONSE
TO AGENCY. FYI. SIMILAR REQUEST SENT TO FRG. END FYI.
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4. PLEASE ADVISE. KIRK

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